(c) the details of the LPG allocation originally proposed to be made and subsequently enhanced for the State of Orissa, during the 1995-96 financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The demand of existing consumers of LPG in Orissa who are enrolled with the distributors of public sector oil companies is by and large being met in full. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of Bottling Plants for extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas. LPG is not an allocated product and no advance allocation is made

Refining capacity of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd

4623. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the States where Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has set up its refinery projects;

(b) whether Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has a proposal to raise its refining capacity; and

(c) if so, the details of plans formulated by HPCL?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) has two existing refineries; one at Bombay in Maharashtra with a capacity of 5.5 MMTPA and the other at Visakh in Andhra Pradesh with a capacity of 4.5 MMTPA.

HPCL is setting up a new refinery at Mangalore as a Joint Venture with M/s. Indian Rayon and Industries Ltd. with a capacity of 3 MMTPA.

HPCL has the following proposals for raising its refining capacity:—

(i) Enhancing the refining capacity of Visakh Refinery from 4.5 MMTPA to 7.5 MMTPA; and

(ii) Setting up of a new refinery at Deogarh (Maharashtra) as a joint venture with M/s Oman Oil Company Limited with a capacity of 6 MMTPA. These proposals are at different stages of processing.

Blocks offered for oil exploration

4624. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have offered 34 blocks, 19 on-shore and 15 off-shore, under the Eighth round of bidding for oil exploration;

(b) if so, the blocks that have been offered to the foreign companies;

(c) the number of foreign companies which have agreed to explore oil; and

(d) the total areas provided to the foreign companies for oil exploration in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Foreign companies were free to bid for any of the 34 blocks put on offer.

(c) 6 foreign companies have submitted their bids.

(d) No decision has been taken so far on the bids received under this round.

पाननगड़ी में तेल शोधक कारखाने की स्थापना करना

4625. श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज
श्री राम जेठमलानी

क्या पट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मद्रास रिफाइनरीज तथा इंडियन आयल कार-

पोरेशन ने मिल कर किसी विदेशी कंपनी के सहयोग से तमिलनाडु में पाननगुडी नामक स्थान पर एक तेल शोधक कारखाना स्थापित करने का निर्णय लिया है जिसमें विदेशी कच्चा तेल परिष्कृत कर पुनः विदेशों को ही निर्यात किया जाएगा;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में विस्तृत ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस परियोजना के लाभकारी होने के संबंध मे तथ्यों का पता लगाया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस तेल शोधक कारखाने के विदेशी कच्चा तेल परिष्कृत कर विदेशो को ही पुनः निर्यात करने से इसके लाभकारी होने पर देश द्वारा कितनी विदेशी पूंजी अर्जित करने का लक्ष्य है; और

(ङ) उक्त तेल शोधक कारखाने के लाभकारी होने के संबंध में किस संस्था द्वारा प्रतिवेदन दिया गया था और इसके सदस्य कौन-कौन थे और इनकी इस मामले मे विशेष योग्यताएं क्या-क्या हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (ङ) मद्रास रिफाइनरीज लि० (एमआरएल) तथा इंडियन आयल कारपोरेशन लि० (आईओसी) ने तमिलनाडु में एक ईओयू रिफाइनरी स्थापित करने के लिए एक समझौता ज्ञापन पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं तथा यदि इसे व्यवहार्य पाया जाता है तो इस प्रयोजन के लिए संयुक्त उद्यम का गठन किया जाएगा । आवश्यक अध्ययन चल रहे हैं । साध्यता अध्ययन को पूरा करने के बाद ही रिफाइनरी का विवरण ज्ञात हो सकेगा ।

Supply of safety Boots/Shoes in CLW

4626. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CLW, Calcutta has been examining the cost details submitted by parties for supply of safety boots and shoes in response of CLW's tender.

(b) whether parties have brought down prices to the lowest side in order to compete with the tender pricing without caring for the cost component;

(c) whether Govt. Undertakings have also submitted to the price biddings; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The response against the Open Tender for Safety Shoes floated by CLW has been very good. The prices quoted are competitive and reasonable.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Three Government Undertakings, namely, M/s. The State Trading Corporation of India Ltd., New Delhi, M|s. Sharmoshilpa, Calcutta and M|s. Bharat Leather Corporation Ltd., Agra have also quoted against this tender.

Royalty Paid by M/s. Higgim Botham Ltd.

4627. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of amount paid as a royalty by M|s. Higgim Botham Ltd., the bookstall Contractors, Station-wise on the Southern and South Central Railways, month-wise and year-wise from 1st January 1988 to 31st December, 1991 and from 1st January 1992 to 31st December, 1994?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.